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DETECTION OF DATA IN BURST CUTTING AREA OF OPTICAL DISK

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please
amend the above-identified application as follows: